

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report on the Squirrel River in Alaska—referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–235). **Pages H9873–74**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H9876.

Senate Referrals: S. 2986, S. 2991, and S. Con. Res. 146 were held at the desk. **Page H9876**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9864–65 and H9865. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATUS OF U.S. FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Status of U.S. Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; GEN John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force; ADM Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations and GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy.

FLU SHOT SHORTAGE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The Nation’s Flu Shot Shortage: Where Are We Today and How Prepared Are We for Tomorrow?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Acting Commissioner, FDA; Howard Pien, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Chiron Corporation; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL REGULATORY REFORM— ADMINISTRATION’S RECORD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “What is the Bush Administration’s Record in Regulatory Reform?” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Stephen L. Johnson, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Howard M. Radzely, Solicitor, Department of Labor; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM: TRACKING THE FUNDS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Oil-for-Food Program: Tracking the Funds. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Duelfer, Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence on Iraq’s Weapons of Mass Destruction, CIA; Herbert A. Biern, Senior Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on S. 2986, to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to commit. Testimony was heard from Representative Thompson of California.

Joint Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the status of financial management reform within the Department of Defense and the individual services, 3:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.